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By "Commentator"

THE American elections will be decided by voters in Tuscaloosa, Poughkeepsie, Albuquerque and other euphonic American towns and villages, and even such major international figures like Messrs. Churchill and Stalin will not be allowed to take part. Nevertheless, the interest in the elections has been lively in such places as London, Paris and Moscow for many weeks, and it will become even more lively as the runners enter the last lap of the race. It is an open secret that very many people in Western Europe like Ike more than his rivals on the Republican side, and though fearing that no other American general at SHAPE will have the same standing at home, they are even more apprehensive of a Taft victory.

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IT is an undisputable fact that President Truman, too, prior to his entrance into the White House could not have been called by his best friends a specialist in international affairs, and it might be expected that Senator Taft would likewise discard at least the more fantastic of his ideas and prejudices. But they fear that the education of Senator Taft at this late hour might be very expensive, that the burden would be borne by Western Europe and the free world in general, and that the result would be a general deterioration of the world situation and probably a very palpable increase in the danger of war.

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IN the East, too, the American presidential campaign has provoked more than the usual measure of interest. The attack against the "internationalists" has been stepped up, and both General Eisenhower and Mr. Harriman have been described as super-Hitlers and the most abominable monsters recorded in the annals of human history. This of course is not exactly sensational news, what is more interesting is the guarded but unmistakable praise of Senator Taft. He has seldom been mentioned by name, but ex-President Herbert Hoover's speeches and articles have been reprinted in "Pravda" regardless of their length and have been declared editorially to be very sound advice to Americans. Mr. Hoover, as is well known, is one of the main supporters of Senator Taft; their outlook on international affairs is identical, and the hints have been unmistakable. It cannot be denied that Senator Taft's voting record in Congress has been perfect from the "partisans of peace" point of view: he has been against the British loan, against NATO, against Point Four, against almost everything in foreign policy that the "partisans" did not like. It is true that Senator Taft has not gone on record as a friend of the working man, to put it mildly, but then it should not be forgotten that in the eyes of Communism the foreign political orientation of their friends in the West has been vastly more important than their attitude on domestic issues; this perhaps reflects in a most realistic way the far reaching changes on the Communist homefront during the last twenty years.

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WHO cares after all nowadays in East or West about socialist principles in domestic or foreign politics — apart from such outsiders as Aneurin Bevan? But then Bevan is a dangerous Titoist, and Senator Taft is definitely not. He is, in the fellow-travelling jargon of today, a "progressive" man, whatever that may mean. He is a realistic man not a dangerous war-monger like Eisenhower or Harriman. He would not worry, the Communists believe, about the defence of the West. They could defend the West, too, taking that burden gladly upon themselves — and could not an agreement on such a basis serve as a new opening of a period of peaceful coexistence between Russia and America?

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AMERICAN elections are, however, decided not in Moscow and London, and whatever favourable or disparaging remarks are made there, they will not affect the outcome. Their influence will be comparable to the cheers and the boos of the crowd when Arsenal plays Chelsea or Dynamo meets Torpedo, but for obvious reasons the political onlookers in East and West might prefer to display their feelings in a more inhibited way than the fans at Wembley stadium or the playing ground of the "Central House of the Soviet Army."

Jerusalem, April 27.

50 Per Cent Of C-o-L Allowance Free of Tax

Half the Cost-of-Living Allowance will be exempt from Income Tax as from April 1, and the second half will be taxed not more than 45 per cent, it was announced yesterday.

It is understood that the income tax calculations on the C.-o.-L. allowance will be as follows:

- 50 per cent of the allowance will be tax-free.
- The other 50 per cent will be added to the basic salary or wages and the income tax will be calculated on the entire sum.
- If the salary, plus the 50 per cent taxable C.-o.-L. allowance, falls into a grade where the income tax is more than 45 per cent, the allowance will not be taxed more than 45 per cent.

If the employee gets a flat salary, no distinction being made between the basic salary and the C.-o.-L. allowance, that part of the flat salary corresponding to the current C.-o.-L. allowance will enjoy the same exemptions as if an allowance were paid.

This system was devised to benefit low income groups, since the proposed flat 22.5 per cent tax on the C.-o.-L. allowance would discriminate against those who normally would not pay such a high income tax.

Bus Fares Up Fifteen Per Cent

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Fares on all bus lines in the country, except Jerusalem, will be about 15 per cent higher as of today, according to an agreement reached at Hakirya yesterday between the Ministry of Communications and representatives of the bus companies. In Jerusalem, agreement on new fares is expected to be reached tomorrow.

In Tel Aviv, the 20 and 25 pruta fares will be five pruta tot higher.

The arrangement brings to an end protracted negotiations in which the bus companies had asked for at least a 25 per cent increase, while the Government was prepared to grant a 10 per cent rise. Thet Histadrut backed a 15 per cent increase. If the rounding off of prices results in more-than-standard increases on certain lines, only smaller increases will be permitted on others, a Ministry spokesman said.

An Inspection Department has been set up by Road Transport Department of the Ministry of Communications to keep a close watch on public transport. The department will inquire into the costs of transport, and, in due course, will fix the official prices for all bus routes.

M.K.'s Return From Negev Tour

Two groups of Knesset members last week returned from a tour of the Negev, it was announced yesterday.

"We are all proud of the tremendous progress made in the industry and settlement of the Negev", Mr. Yisrael Guri, chairman of the Finance Committee, said after a three-day tour of the Negev by the members of his committee and of the Economic Committee.

Members of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee toured the southern Negev as guests of the Army.

J'lem Sabbath Zealots Block Traffic

Windows in several vehicles were broken by Sabbath zealots in the Geula quarter of Jerusalem yesterday. They blocked the roads, singing and dancing, preventing the passage of automobiles.

Five lorries bringing food from Kibbutzim in the Jerusalem Corridor to the Tnuva dairy in the Geula quarter waited for darkness before unloading.

Police maintained order and detained three demonstrators.

BYROADE TO TOUR NEAR AND M. EAST

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Henry Byroade, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, will leave on Tuesday for a month's tour of North Africa and the Middle East, the State Department announced today.

The Department said he will confer with U.S. diplomats and local officials in Tangier, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Persia, Iraq, the Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Turkey and Greece.

PROMISE TO PAY

AMMAN, Saturday (AP). — The Jordan Cabinet agreed today to repay Jordan's loan debt of £1,500,000 to Britain in fifteen instalments beginning in 1959.

Locusts Settle In Coastal Plain

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Swarms of locusts, coming in the wake of strong easterly winds, appeared over many places in the coastal plain between Kfar Saba and Nir Am at six o'clock this afternoon. After reaching the sea, the swarms circled back and settled between the railway tracks and the hills near the Jordan border shortly before dusk.

Farmers were warned over the radio and by local officials of the Ministry of Agriculture not to disturb the locusts until dawn tomorrow, when exact observations will be made by competent authorities. Methods of fighting the plague will be announced tomorrow morning. Observers from among the farmers were requested to report at dawn tomorrow to assist the officials of the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, who will conduct the anti-locust campaign.

The swarm which came nearest to Tel Aviv passed over Petah Tikva at 6.30 p.m., coming from the direction of the hills of Migdal Tzedek. Flying in dense formation at 50 to 100 metres altitude, the swarms eclipsed the sun for a few minutes. Birds were seen in the swarm, darting about and swallowing the insects. Petah Tikva residents went out into the streets to look at the swarms, while some veteran settlers with previous experience with locusts wept.

Disturbed by Fire

The swarm proceeded towards Herzlia, but later returned and settled near Fajja, a suburb east of Petah Tikva. When residents set fire to dry bushes in the area, the locusts flew away to settle in the Bet Naballa area, where they covered a stretch of ground about two kilometres large.

Single locusts which fell over Petah Tikva were light brown in colour, with grey spots and three to four centimetres long.

In the south, swarms were first seen over Julis, and then in the Migdal Ascalon area. A swarm was reported for 20 minutes in vineyard country near Gvaram, after which it flew towards Yad Mordechai. Another swarm, 400 metres wide, was reported this afternoon flying from Beersheba in a southeasterly direction.

Near Safad

A swarm, reportedly not large, landed near Safad and Mt. Cana'an this evening. It is not yet clear from which direction the locusts came, nor where they are headed. Until 11 p.m., no locusts were reported in the Galilee or the Beisan Valley. Police throughout Galilee are preparing to meet any possible situation.

If the swarms concentrated in well-defined areas during the night, poison will be spread over them from planes. If the locusts lay their eggs by tomorrow, the poison will be administered in the four weeks' time, when the hoppers emerge.

If the night is cold, the swarms will concentrated in a smaller area. If it remains warm tonight, they are expected to spread over a wider area.

For the first time since the locust invasion of Jordan, the Jordan Ministry of Agriculture announced today that a number of swarms had settled in the Jerusalem area.

A swarm of yellow locusts settled on the Jerusalem-Hebron road yesterday on a kilometre and a half large square area. The swarm left the site this morning moving toward the southern end of the Dead Sea.

Another swarm arrived at Silwan village near Mt. Zion on Friday, and left the site on Saturday, moving eastward. Two more swarms were observed at Azariah village and at E-Tsur village, the latter swarm being 500 metres wide and 100 metres long.

Five locusts were reported today in various parts of Jerusalem. Anti-locust fighters were standing by.

1m. Forged Clothes Coupons Found by Commerce Ministry

Almost a million forged clothing coupons were discovered recently by the Ministry of Commerce. Several million more are believed still to be in circulation throughout the country. A countrywide search for the forgers and their printing press has been started by the police and Government inspectors. A Government inspector said it was possible that a great number of coupons were accepted by the Ministry before suspicion was aroused.

The forged coupons, which were sent to the Points Bank by a small number of merchants, were soiled and wrinkled so as to escape detection. Suspicion was aroused by the huge amount of points returned to the Bank and they were examined immediately in police laboratories.

In one envelope, 3,500 coupons, all forged, were discovered. In two other envelopes, 20,000 and 100,000 forged coupons were found, mixed with valid ones.

A countrywide investigation has started. Only relatively small quantities of forged coupons were found in all the shops searched.

Three Jerusalem shop owners, who were detained three weeks ago and later released on bail, denied any connection with the distribution of the forged coupons. Several admitted buying clothing coupons for 50 and 60 pruta each, but denied that they knew that they were forged. They could not identify the sellers of the coupons. Their stocks, which were frozen, are now being checked against the coupons in their possession.

The forged coupons, are darker in colour and less transparent than the official ones, the Ministry of Commerce warned shopkeepers and consumers yesterday. (Hins)

Death for Theft

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — The Yugoslav Official News Agency 'Tanjug' reports that a Belgrade Court has condemned four students to die as "socially dangerous persons" for stealing food coupons from a technical faculty of the University. Four accomplices were sentenced to from one to 10 years' imprisonment.

Locust Conference Opens in Baghdad

Five hundred thousand dunams of land in Jordan are locust-infested, according to Suleiman Pasha Tukan, Jordan Minister of Agriculture, who opened the Middle East locust conference at Jafur today. Delegations from Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey were present.

Besides methods of fighting the present infestation they also discussed methods of locust information.

Large swarms of desert locusts have entered Syria and began breeding in the Jebel Druze area. Locust fighting units have been sent out to the area. (ANA)

MILITARY AID TO PERSIA RESUMED

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The State Department announced yesterday that it was resuming military assistance to Persia again following an exchange of notes with Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh.

Military assistance was suspended on January 8. In the new exchange of notes the Persian Premier said that his country supported and defended the principles of the U.N. Charter "to the extent that its resources and general conditions permit".

The State Department said that shipment of supplies would be resumed as soon as possible.

10 p.c. Still Available

By Jesse Zel Lurie,
POST Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — An announcement here yesterday that Iran has finally agreed to accept American military aid has come as a reminder that ten per cent of the $396m. for Greece, Turkey and Iran which the President was authorized to transfer for military assistance to other Near Eastern countries has never been allocated.

The Administration has not given up its plan for a Middle East Command backed by these American dollars. The proposals for next year contain $806m. for Greece, Turkey and Iran, and again the President will be authorized to transfer up to ten per cent for arms for Israel, the Arabs and North and East African states.

Thus, if the full proposals are passed, over $100m. will be available for those Middle Eastern states who have agreed to form a second line of defence against the Soviet Union.

The American Zionist Council has suggested in a recent memorandum distributed to Congressmen that deferment of military aid to Israel and its neighbours until a Middle East Command is to be set up "could mean indefinite and fatal postponement. Military aid was granted to countries in Europe before NATO was established," the memorandum states, "and the same procedure should be employed in the Near East."

Greek-Turkish Defence Talks Open in Athens

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). — Discussions on Balkan military problems began here today between the Greek and Turkish Prime Ministers. Defence of their common frontier with Bulgaria and co-operation with Yugoslavia will rank high on their agenda.

The Turkish mission, headed by M. Adnan Menteres, the Prime Minister, includes Fuad Keupalu, the Foreign Minister, and General Shukri Kanatli, the Army Commander in Chief. The Greek delegation is headed by Sophocles Venizelos, acting Prime Minister.

While simultaneous Greek-Turkish talks in Ankara are dealing with economic problems, the talks in Athens, according to observers, will deal mainly with decisions entailed by their inclusion in NATO.

Defence of Thrace

These problems include the need for a Western guarantee for the defence of Greek Thrace, without which Greek-Turkish co-operation in Eastern Thrace is impracticable. It also includes the disposal of their land forces under NATO command, since neither country is willing to place them under the Italian General Castiglione, NATO Land Forces Commander for Southern Europe.

It is believed that discussions with Yugoslavia will be facilitated by the recent appointment of Col. Voivodic as first post-war Yugoslav military attache in Athens, in Ankara the Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey has been invited to attend the talks.

The Turkish Foreign Minister stressed Turkey's friendly feelings for Yugoslavia, and added that since they shared the same dangers they were already under a tacit agreement regarding the need for joint defence.

"Without a successful solution of the Egyptian crisis the problem of regional defence is difficult," he added.

The talks are expected to last till the end of April, and their results will be submitted to Field Marshal Montgomery, Eisenhower's deputy, when he visits Athens early in May.

House Passes New U.S. Immigration Bill

POST Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The House of Representatives yesterday passed by an overwhelming vote of 206—68 the McCarran-Walter Immigration Bill. Front-page newspaper headlines today call it a liberalization of the immigration laws. According to the headlines, the bill would cancel obvious bars of citizenship of Far-Eastern Orientals.

But in the Senate the measure will face stiff opposition from liberals such as Senators Lehman and Humphrey because of its inroads on civil liberties; they claim it "takes one step forward and 25 backwards."

In a speech before the New Democratic Club, Mr. Lehman said that the complex technical bill of more than 300 pages which few Congressmen have read, "conjured up in my mind's eye the spectacle of immigration officials knocking on doors in the middle of the night, hustling aliens off to detention centres and herding them into ships outward bound while wives and children weep and courts are powerless to act. This is a nightmare, but it could happen here under the terms of the McCarran-Walter Bill."

Protection Lost

The Bill would remove all protection of normal court procedures and the Statute of Limitations not only from aliens but from naturalized citizens with American-born wives and children so that none of the millions of foreign-born citizens can be sure, if the Bill becomes law, that their homes won't be broken up and they won't be deported to a strange country that they left as children because some ten or twenty years ago they might have contributed to some organization such as Spanish Aid, which years later was declared subversive by the Attorney General.

Communists Agree To Plenary Peace Talks

Chinese Concessions Likely

UNITED NATIONS H.Q., Korea, Saturday (Reuter). — The Communists agreed today to a U.N. request for a plenary session of negotiators in the Korean truce talks tomorrow.

This will be the first plenary session since the middle of February, and Communist agreement was expected despite the angry note on which the hitherto secret staff officer meetings broke down yesterday after the Communists received an Allied list which showed that only about 70,000 of their soldiers wanted repatriation. The Communists apparently had believed the number would be closer to 100,000.

Chinese Colonel Tsai Chengwen had said that in order to realize an armistice in Korea, "we are still willing to solve the question through negotiations."

Voluntary Return

The Communists are apparently willing to discard their opposition to the U.N. proposed principle of voluntary repatriation of prisoners, but insist that the Allies increase the number of prisoners who will "willingly" return to the Communist lines.

The U.N. request to restore the talks at Panmunjom to top rank negotiators, taking them out of the hands of the Staff Officers sub-committees, was said to have been prompted in the first instance by displeasure at Communist action two days ago in breaking off the secret negotiations on the critical prisoner of war exchange issue.

US Forces to Remain In Japan for Defence

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — U.S. Forces in Japan will remain there to provide a provisional arrangement for the defence of the country against armed attack from the outside for as long as Japan might require it, General Ridgway, Commander of the Allied Occupation forces in Japan, said today in a message to the Japanese people.

The General said that the key achievements in Japan since the end of the war included a revision of the parliamentary system; votes for women; liberalization of schools; a break up of the former huge concentrations of financial power; land reform; free speech and encouragement of a strong labour movement and the expulsion of the military caste from public life.

General Matthew Ridgway visited Emperor Hirohito today for the last time as Supreme Allied Occupation Commander. From Monday he will be only U.N. commander in Korea and commander of U.S. forces in the Far East and in Japan.

Earlier today the Emperor visited General Ridgway at the U.S. Embassy and thanked him for the cooperation of the Allied powers during the occupation.

Graham Reports To S.C. on Kashmir

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — Frank Graham, U.N. representative for Kashmir, told the Security Council last night that the chief remaining obstacle to a settlement of the Kashmir dispute was the strength of forces to be maintained by India and Pakistan on each side of the cease-fire line after demilitarization.

Mr. Graham, who has spent over a year trying to settle the conflict, told the Security Council a settlement was important for the sake of over 400 million people in India and Pakistan whose peaceful progress is of vital importance for the peoples of the world. He recommended that the Indian and Pakistan governments should refrain from taking any action which would augment the military potential of forces now in Kashmir.

Mr. Graham also urged that U.N. representatives' negotiations with the Indian and Pakistan governments should be continued.

Racial Barriers Are 'Disastrous' — Templer

KUALA LUMPUR, Saturday (AP). — General Sir Gerald Templer warned Britons in Malaya today that it will be "disastrous" if they allow racial barriers to isolate them from local Malays, Chinese and Indians.

Addressing the Federation's Chamber of Commerce the General said, "It has been suggested to me that some Europeans in commercial life here in Malaya feel that they are only temporary inhabitants of this country; that as a result, aside from business contacts, they intend to isolate themselves.

"If this were true it could well be disastrous. Europeans must learn to see themselves not just as transients without roots in Malaya, but as part of a tradition of partnership between Britain and Malaya."

JAPANESE-SOVIET TALKS POSSIBLE

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — Japanese Foreign Ministry officials commenting today on Soviet hints that they want to negotiate with Japan after the peace treaty comes into force on Monday, predicted that Japan would immediately raise two questions on which she feels strongly.

They are the Japanese contention that the Soviet Union has failed to account for more than 300,000 Japanese soldiers and civilians who were swept away in the Soviet's seven-day war against Japan in August 1945; and the status of her former northern territories, the islands of Sakhalin and the Kuriles, particularly the Habomai Islands which are only a few miles from Japan's north island of Hokkaido.

Five-Point Plan For Korea Mooted

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — The political future of Korea is expected to be thrashed out at a special conference, including the North Koreans and the Chinese Communists, but final decisions would probably remain with the General Assembly of the U.N., it was learned here today.

Diplomatic sources here believed that the sequence of events would follow this tentative five-point plan.

- On an armistice in Korea;
- A U.N. General Assembly to be convened in special session;
- The Special Assembly is to nominate a negotiation body of several states;
- This body is to negotiate on behalf of the U.N. at a special conference on Korea.
- Decisions of this conference to be eventually ratified by the General Assembly.

The Communist authorities have offered their own plan, in which the main point was that a special conference should be convened, including the Chinese Communist Government and the North Koreans on one side, and the governments of the countries concerned of the U.N. on the other.

Soviet Participation

Political experts are examining this offer for possible Communist intention to restrict negotiations at the special conference to those countries which had military forces engaged in Korea.

One possible Communist objection to such a course was that it would exclude the Soviet Union from the conference.

A clear hint of this possibility was seen by experts to be contained in the Communist statement in February in which it was emphasized that the Korean problem was not isolated and that its solution was bound up with the simultaneous solution of other important problems related to the Korean question.

U.S. and British diplomatic sources stated that there was no intention on their part of considering a "package deal" on Korea and such questions as the future of Formosa and Chinese Communist representation in the U.N. These other questions, the sources said, would depend on a solution of the main Korean problem but could not be considered simultaneously, as the Communist statement demanded.

New Deadlock Feared In Anglo-Egyptian Talks

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Weeklong talks between Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and his two top advisers on the Anglo-Egyptian dispute have so far failed to produce proposals acceptable to Egypt, diplomatic quarters here said today.

Egyptian quarters in particular, are decidedly pessimistic. They claim that no progress has been made during Mr. Eden's week of consultations with Sir Ralph Stevenson, Ambassador to Egypt, and Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan.

Some observers claimed that the position today had reverted to deadlock.

The negotiators are understood to have sidestepped the question of immediate explicit recognition by Britain of the title of King of Egypt and The Sudan assumed by Farouk last autumn.

Temporary Pause

British Ministers and officials have now decided on a temporary pause in their efforts to frame new proposals. Formal submission of the proposals to Amr Pasha in London — forecast for yesterday — did not take place.

Usually well informed quarters here believe they will probably not be submitted at all in their intended form since it is already clear they would not be acceptable.

Sir Ralph Stevenson and Amr Pasha are remaining in London but no plans had been made today for them to meet during the weekend.

It is understood that when proposals were informally submitted to Amr Pasha on Thursday he expressed the view that they would not prove acceptable in their present form.

The Egyptian view is understood to be that formal recognition of King Farouk's title to Sudan is definitely required by Egyptian opinion. This view does not appear to have undergone any change as a result of Mr. Eden's meeting with Amr Pasha on Thursday.

After the weekend Mr. Eden will again review the position with his advisers in light of Egyptian criticisms.

Amr Pasha yesterday called on the United States' Ambassador to Britain Walter Gifford to give him a personal account of the situation.

Tunisian Student Riots Break Out

TUNIS, Saturday (UP). — Troubles flared up again in Tunisia with students strikes, the closing down of two secondary schools, and the expulsions of some hundreds of Arab students from several others. The French Commander in Chief for Tunisia proclaimed that any May Day demonstrations will be illegal and participants will be punished.

The Tunis "Sadiqi" college, maintained by Arab funds, and the Sousse Lycee have been closed down till further notice after nationalist activities by the students.

Seventy girls were expelled from the Louise Millet High School and a further hundred and fifty students from Alaout secondary school, while numbers of young people, many of them students, were arrested in Tunis after clashes with the police.

There has been no confirmation so far of the reports that Premier Baccouche is to fly to Paris to plead with M. Pinay for more liberal terms.

The Nationalist newspaper "El-Sabah" has been suspended for alleged violation of censorship regulations.

CONTINUED U.S. AID FOR ISRAEL—TOBIN

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Secretary of Labour, Mr. Maurice Tobin, said yesterday that he was certain that the U.S. Government would continue to aid Israel, but help must also come from other sources.

Addressing the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal Mr. Tobin said "to develop its economy so that it can produce more and export more, one of the things that Israel needs most is good hard cash. Some of it Israel can raise herself but the large part of it must come from Jews in other lands and from friendly governments... at this critical moment in history of the new State when its very existence is at stake, Jews of America will not be found wanting".

Recalling his visit to Israel last summer, Mr. Tobin concluded by saying "I know Israel will not fail".

EXPLOSION IN U.S. NAVY SHIP KILLS 30

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Navy Department announced yesterday that 30 U.S. sailors were killed in an explosion in a gun turret on the cruiser St. Paul in Korean waters last Monday.

The explosion occurred while the cruiser was firing on Communist positions on the Korean east coast.

House Arrest For Algerian Leader

ALGIERS, Saturday (Reuter). — The movement for the Triumph of Democratic Liberties in Algeria (Algerian nationalist party), sent a telegram to the U.N. Human Rights Committee last night protesting against the placing of its leader, Messali Hadj, in forced residence at Bouzareh near Algiers.

Messali Hadj was expelled by police from his home at Philippeville, Eastern Algeria, yesterday, by an order signed by Governor-General Roger Leonard and the French Minister of the Interior, Charles Brune, now visiting Algeria.

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Social & Personal

Shalom Asch and Maurice Samuel were luncheon guests at the President's home in Rehovot yesterday.

Dr. Paul Hoffmeyer, Danish Minister to Ankara, arrived by air yesterday to attend the opening of a new tuberculosis hospital for children in Deir Ariar in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Abel Meulen Dayan returned by El Al on Friday from a six-month study tour to Britain and France.

Mr. A.I. Freedlander, President of the Dayton Rubber Company, of Dayton, Ohio, and of the Copelyarn Corporation of Louisiana, has arrived in Israel for the opening of the Allenby Tyre and Rubber Company's factory at Hadera.

A conference of Reali School graduates will be held tomorrow at the Bet Biram in Haifa.

The Daniel Bukstein Scholarship at the Hebrew University, which was established by the Bukstein family of Tel Aviv in memory of their son, a member of the Israel Air Force who fell in the War of Independence, will be awarded in the presence of the family at 1 p.m. today at the Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem.

Mr. Norman Marshall, the English author and film producer, will deliver a guest lecture on "Shakespeare, Production on the Stage and Screen," under the auspices of the Hebrew University, at 8.30 this evening, in the Ratisbonne Hall in Jerusalem. The public is invited.

Eighth Form Pupils Guests of Army

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A thousand eighth form pupils from Tel Aviv elementary schools were the guests of the Army on Thursday. They were divided into small groups and each was shown one aspect of the working of an Army school.

The children were most excited about the artillery pieces. In the aviation department, they asked to see a "jet" and a "Piper." Similar visits will be made during the week of the Independence Day celebrations by all eighth form pupils who live near Army camps.

BURNT MAIL BAGS

The point of origin and destination of the 15 mail bags destroyed by the fire which gutted the mail lorry near Ascalon recently have been identified, it was announced yesterday. Several packages and packets, salvaged from the fire, will be delivered as soon as they are identified.

One mail bag of letters each: Haifa-Beersheba; Haifa-Negev mobile unit No. 1; Haifa-Negev mobile unit No. 2; Haifa-Ascalon Shore mobile unit; Jerusalem-Beersheba; Jerusalem-Ascalon; Tel Aviv-Negev mobile unit No. 1; Tel Aviv-Negev mobile unit No. 2; and Tel Aviv-Beersheba (2 bags).

One bag of packages each: Tel Aviv-Beersheba; Tel Aviv-Ascalon; and Tel Aviv-Ascalon Shore Mobile unit and one bag of packets: Tel Aviv-Beersheba.

Haifa Hunters Win Shooting Competition

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Haifa Hunters Association won the Boas Shooting Cup at a .22 calibre rifle competition in an Army camp today. The Cup, in memory of Amikam Boas, who fell in the conquest of Nebi Yusha on Passover Eve in 1948, was won by Army teams in the two previous competitions.

Four Army and one civilian team competed. The Haifa Hunters scored 2,675 points. Tel Aviv Hunters 2,652 and an Army team took third place with 2,648. Three marksmen who did especially well also received gold medals.

COHEN LECTURESHIP AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — A lectureship on English law to be known as the Lord Cohen of Walmer Lecture is to be initiated in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

JOURNALISTS' BALL

Preparations for the gala Journalists Ball on Saturday evening, May 3, in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem are rapidly nearing completion.

The ball will feature Lena Horn, singer and Hollywood film star and her jazz band.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL
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FESTIVE PERFORMANCES
INDEPENDENCE DAY
TEL AVIV — Habimah
Tuesday, April 29 — 8.30 p.m.
PETAH TIKVA — Hechal
Thursday, May 1 — 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA — Arman
Thursday, May 15 — 9 p.m.
Samson & Delilah
Opera in 3 acts (4 scenes)
by Saint-Saens
TEL AVIV — Habimah
Tuesday, May 13 — at 8.30 p.m.
Fledermaus
(THE BAT)
Operetta in 3 acts by Johann Strauss
Participants:
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Conductors:
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New Curbs On Syrian Press

The Syrian Government will impose serious restrictions on the Syrian press and only a quarter of the present number of newspapers will be permitted to continue publication after May 1 — after the new Syrian press law comes into force, according to Damascus Radio.

Only daily newspapers with a circulation of more than 1,500 copies will be permitted to appear, and even the few that fall into this category will have to merge by twos to be "stronger and on a higher level," as the draft of the new law states.

The order was seen as a new step to strengthen the military army junta ruling the country. The A-Shaab and other Syrian parties hitherto published their own organs which, under the new order, will have to discontinue publication.

Meanwhile, ANA reports from Aleppo that the headquarters of the A-Shaab, dissolved along with other political parties following Colonel Adib Shishakli's coup last year, has been sealed and army guards posted in front of the building. Similar action was taken against this and other parties at Hamma, Homs and other northern towns.

Old City Arabs Flay the League

"What does the Arab world look like these days? 'A-Diffa,' the Old City daily asks in an editorial."

"Egypt fights its own war with the British.

"Iraq does nothing but have its premier fly to London and back in search of a solution to thousands problems but its own.

"Syria is still furnishing its shattered house. Lebanon is extremely busy debating how many Jewish officers it has in its army.

"Jordan follows its locusts and sends information on their movement to everybody.

"Saudi swims in a sea of U.S. oil dollars. Yemen sleeps its 14th century sleep and expells archaeological expeditions.

"The Palestine case is left alone except for Ahmed Shukeiri the Assistant Secretary General's statement that the Arab League will soon start a decisive and open fight with the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

"The Arab world as a whole is busy with signs of friendship towards Franco's Spain and 'strengthening' its own inter-Arab friendly relations, while the collective Arab security pact recently signed with great enthusiasms by all Arab states is again nothing but dried ink on paper."

Yugoslavs Ask Recall Of Soviet Diplomat

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter). — The Yugoslav Government will ask the Soviet Government to withdraw Vladimir Karmanov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy here, it is authoritatively learned.

Karmanov's name was mentioned during the trial of Nikita Bakov, a former official of the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry, who was found guilty of spying for the Russians.

In a statement to the foreign press Karmanov denied the allegation.

S.A. Jewry Mindful Of Anti-Semitism

JOHANNESBURG, Saturday, (INA). — As a sequel to the anti-Semitic flare-up in the South African Parliament last week when Government member J. Liebenberg accused the Jews "of biting the Afrikaner hand that made them fat," came a statement on Tuesday by J. Deklerk, Nationalist Party Secretary in the Transvaal, who said that he was very sorry the incident had taken place.

Mr. Liebenberg's remarks were based upon the attack launched by a Jewish member, Bernard Friedman, on N.C. Havenga, Finance Minister and Afrikaans member of the Government. "I want to ask whether Mr. Friedman was justified in his remarks," said Deklerk.

"Since it has been in office, the Nationalist Party has made an honest attempt to promote good understanding between Jew and Afrikaaner. Eric Louw, who is considered by some Jews as an inveterate anti-Semite, has shown by his policies in the economic field that he is not prepared in any way to discriminate against members of the Jewish community. On the contrary, his policies have been such, that no Jew could feel Minister Louw unsympathetic. It is unfortunate that this bone of contention has arisen."

Group Responsibility

Mr. Deklerk promised a second statement after a careful reading of the Hansard report on the Friedman-Liebenberg statements.

Meanwhile, South African Jewry is watchful of the increasing tendency during the constitutional crisis to attribute to the whole community statements by Jewish individuals and of persons bearing Jewish names who are in no way associated with Jewish life. The Jewish press, reaffirming that the right of the individual to speak for himself must be jealously safeguarded, asserts that the racial group to which one belongs must not be held responsible.

Desert Conquest Show Announced in New York

NEW YORK Saturday (INA). — An official announcement of the holding of the "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition in Jerusalem in 1953 has been made by Minister Arthur Lourie, who told the press that 41 countries had been invited, and UNESCO and the World Health Organization will have exhibits.

He said that the various United States Government departments were expected to show what they had done in reclamation work, soil conservation and power development. Private firms of 30 nations had already announced their desire to participate.

Mr. Lourie stressed the role of the exhibition in surveying, evaluating, and dramatizing achievements in all fields of land reclamation throughout the world, and warned of the need to double the world's food supply by 65 per cent. He declared that a means must be found to fight the blind forces of nature which are denuding the land of its fertility everywhere.

ALTERED DATE CHARGE

Charged with altering the date of service in his army booklet in order to enlist in the regular army, Ya'acov Vazana was detained by Jerusalem police.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 697 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.9, 31.5 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 12.00, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8.00 a.m., 2.15 and 6.30 p.m. **Turkish** 10.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Music Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Oriental Music. 8.45 Close Down.

9 a.m. Greek Orthodox Service. 10.10 Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Music of the People (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Concert Hall: Piano Concerto (Khatchaourian); "Boris Godounov" (Moussorgsky-Stokowski); 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. "Mif'al Ha'payis" Drawing (Relay from "Amos" Cinema, Jerusalem). 4.45 Vocal Recital: Yitzhak Fried. 5.00 Tea Time Music (R). 5.30 Piano Recital: Misha Levin. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Music (R). 7.06 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Musical Quiz by Telephone. 8.00 Wells of Work. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Symphony Concert: Beethoven Programme: Overture "Leonore," No. 3; Symphony No. 3 (R). 9.45 Folk Dances. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Julia Stutschewsky. 10.30 Recital: Sascha Pazner, and Moshe Lustig. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

468, 225, 217, 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. **French:** 2.00 p.m.

4.30 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.00 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.50 Talmud Lesson. 6.00 Story. 6.15 Close Down.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 "Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 11.45 The Brainstrust in Tel Aviv.

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ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 I.A.F. Band. 7.00 Melodies. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Programme Announcements. 8.00 Entrance Ticket. 8.30 News. 8.45 Dance Music. 9.45 Folk Dances. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 8-8.30 p.m. (16, 25 & 31 M.): Our Listeners Ask.

United Nations Hebrew Programme: 8.15 a.m. (25.27 & 30.93 M.).

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REVIEW OF OPINION IN FRIDAY'S PRESS

Divergent Views on Success Or Failure of Mapam Demonstration

THE Mapam-Communist demonstration was again featured in Friday's press with the usual divergences of opinion on its success or failure and the number of participants. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) said that 12,000 persons participated. Though it did not claim that the demonstration was a complete success, it claimed that it was a bitter disappointment to the bourgeoisie and had thwarded the Mapai intrigues. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) also said that 12,000 workers had demonstrated in protest against the attempt of the Mapai-bourgeois coalition to lower the standards of living and cause unemployment.

"Davar" (Histadrut) headlined its story "Utter failure of the Mapam and Maki strike." It gave the police estimate as to the number of participants as 5,000-6,000, the Reuters and A.P. estimates as 3,000, but claimed that no more than 2,000 actually participated. Editorially, the paper said that the Histadrut Executive had appealed not to the instinct but rather to the feeling of responsibility of the workers, and tens of thousands of them had refused to be misled.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) also called the strike a failure and reported that "far fewer than 5,000 took part in the demonstrations, while most of the participants were either members of youth movements or inhabitants of the ma'barot who had been brought to town in lorries." "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) put the number of participants at 4,000-5,000, and called it a complete failure, while both "Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Herut" gave very little space to the affair.

Kibbutz Defended

Mr. Ophir polemized in "Davar" against the "Ha'aretz" editorial on the decline of the kibbutzim which had previously provoked the resentment of "Al Hamishmar". He said that the Israel bourgeoisie had always been hostile to those "collective experiments". But the figures show that though the growth of the kibbutzim has been slow (as far as the number of workers is concerned) output has increased very rapidly. Moreover, "Ha'aretz" and the circles represented by the paper should ask themselves who might replace these people as pioneers? He calls the opposition to the kibbutzim, as revealed in the "Ha'aretz" editorial irresponsible and evil.

"Haboker" says that the mission of Dr. Dov Joseph is a new effort by the Government to appease world Jewry. Following Mapai's fight against the former Zionist leadership in the U.S., Zionist activities there have stagnated. These conflicts continue in various forms such as the rivalry between the UJA and the Israel Bond campaigns. However, even the report of such an unofficial emissary as Mr. E. Livneh, who stressed these dangers, was put aside and his recommendations were not given much attention, because the Mapai leadership did not like them.

Now it has been reported that there has been a certain improvement in relations, and it must be hoped that this is so. The old Zionist leadership in the U.S. must be restored to its place as a first-rate political factor — this might have saved us the flight of the Minister to the U.S.

Mr. Abi-Shaul, in "Kol Ha'am", published an open letter to J.B. Priestley, Julian Huxley, Bertrand Russell, Thomas Mann, Albert Einstein and other intellectuals in which he said that in their society they smoke restfully and drink sweet wine toasting Hollywood starlets while they should shout:

Murderers, murderers, murderers! Fleas, lice, bugs! In Korea the sun is shining and Spring has come and the fliers of Priestley and Hemingway are dropping deadly bacterial Your hands are dirty, writers of the West: you are murderers! You are the men of flies, lice and bugs! Murderers, killers, murderers! Fleas, lice, bugs! Cholera, leprosy, pests! Thomas Mann, Einstein, Russell, Huxley, intellectuals, professors, writers! Murderers, pests, killers!

MORE AUTHORITY FOR ZIONIST GROUPS ASKED

The Zionist movement can be strengthened only by giving increased authority and responsible tasks to the national Zionist organizations, Mr. Zvi Herman, of the Jewish Agency, said last week at a meeting of the Organization Department of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem.

Mr. Herman doubted whether the proposal to abolish Zionist parties abroad could be implemented. He stressed the necessity of creating a national framework, however, to include all Zionists, even those unaffiliated to parties.

CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE

CLEVELAND, Saturday (INA). — A Christian Committee for the sale of Israel Bonds is being organized here under the lesdership of Mr. Spencer Irwin, Associate Editor of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer."

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FOOTBALL SCORES

The results of yesterday's football matches are as follows:

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Haifa Maccabi	2	Rishon le'Zion Maccabi	2
Rishon Hapoel	2	Ramat Gan Hap.	0

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Tel Aviv Hakoah	9	Jaffa Hapoel	0

Northern District

Nathanya Hapoel	0	Degel Yehuda	3
Dror Hapoel	2	Kiryat Haim Hap.	1
Haifa Hakoah	3	Hanoar Hap.	1

MACCABI BEATS TURKISH TEAM

ISTANBUL, Saturday (AP). — Tel Aviv Maccabi whipped the Ankara Demir sport team 3-0 today.

Gordon Richards Thrown

Britain's long-standing champion jockey was thrown last Tuesday on the way to the starting gate atop Approval for the running of the festured Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom Downs. Richards lay motionless on the turf for a few minutes but was able to get up without aid.

Meanwhile, race track officials and stable boys chased and caught the lively six-year-old Approval. Gordon remounted and finished fifth in the field of 14 runners.

The winner of the race was French Squadron, a seven to one shot in betting. Jockey Rae Johnstone came especially from France the same day to ride the winner.

Algerian Downs British Champ.

Honcine Khalfi, a non-stop two-handed fighter, scored an impressive points win over the British lightweight boxing champion, Tommy McGovern, in an eight-round bout at the Harringay Arena (London) during the week.

McGovern is the chief contender for the European lightweight crown but he was completely outfought by the superbly fit Khalfi. The Algerian boy rocked the British title-holder with a right clip to the jaw near the end of the first round and in the fourth he floored McGovern for a short count with a left swing.

Khalfi punched much too fast for McGovern and, in the last three rounds of the fight, dealt out a lot of punishment with both hands. It was a fast fight from start to finish and Khalfi was an easy winner. The weights were: McGovern 136¾ lbs. and Khalfi 135¾.

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Sedgman Wins 'Little Wimbledon' Final

Australia's world tennis champion, Frank Sedgman, put on a dazzling exhibition of attractive play to defeat Jaroslav Drobny, ex-Czech tennis star, 7/5, 6/3, 1/6, 6/4, in the men's singles finals of Italy's "Little Wimbledon" at Rome earlier last week.

The match had been widely heralded as a preview of what some tennis experts predict may be the 1952 Wimbledon final. Sedgman played his usual offensive game, moving up to the net for dazzling placements. Drobny, for the second time in two weeks, failed to keep Sedgman away from the net and lost just as he did at Monte Carlo.

Sedgman surged forward in the final set, after Drobny had twice broken his service to lead 3-0. The Australian retaliated by breaking Drobny's service four times straight, winning his own service twice and allowing Drobny to take only one more game—on Sedgman's service.

Sedgman Pessimistic

After the match, Sedgman expressed doubt that he will be able to do the same thing in the British tennis classic, although this was his fourth victory over Drobny in their five meetings.

The victor and vanquished, despite their weariness following the singles battles, teamed forces to win the men's doubles title from the surprisingly strong Italian team of Gianni Cucelli and Marcello Del Bello, who were playing on their favourite courts, 3/6, 7/5, 3/6, 6/3, 6/2.

Arvilla McQuire (U.S.) and Kurt Nielson (Denmark) won the mixed doubles crown; Miss Susan Partridge (Britain), the womens' singles, and Thelma Long and Nellie Hopman (Australia) the women's doubles.

Saddler Joins Army

The world featherweight boxing champion, Sandy Saddler, 25, was inducted into the Army last Monday for two years service. If a precedent is followed, Saddler will be permitted to retain his title until he leaves the Army.

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9-3: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities 285 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-4: Sanhedria Tombs.

10-1; 4-7: Jerusalem Artists' Spring Exhibition: Artists' House.

11-1: Exhibition of Passover Haggadah, lettered and decorated by Mr. Yaacov Zim: New Bezalel School.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel, Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Exhibition of Sculptures by Rogen Oriel and Paintings by Marcel Yanko, Binyamin.

7 & 9.30 p.m.: "Ti-La-Lo News" Li-Le-Lo Theatre: Jascha Heifetz Hall.

8 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

6 p.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue.

11.1; 4-5: Exhibition of sculptures by I. Jeskelevici — Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

7 p.m.: Opening of Municipal Cultural Centre with exhibition "Way to Independence," 41a, Rehov Ibn Gabirol.

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Lydda Airport	30	11	33	24
Jerusalem	19	10	23	20
Beersheba	—	10	31	26

Forecast: The khamsin will come to an end in the early morning. Light local rain may fall then.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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An Arab of about 90 who lost his way from the Old City and was caught in southern Jerusalem on Thursday, was returned to the Arab Legion at Mandelbaum Gate on Friday.

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Irrigation pipes valued at IL.600 were stolen on Thursday night from the Zionist Youth Farm in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem.

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Police followed the tracks of two snakes which had been stolen from Kfar Warburg last night for about 50 kilometres until they found the hiders in a field near Rehovot. The thieves rode the snakes over an intricate and difficult route to put their pursuers off the tracks, but they could not fool the police dogs.

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Six persons, who pleaded guilty to not having licences for their radios, were sentenced on Thursday to fines ranging from 100 pruta to IL.15 by Jerusalem Magistrate A. Eden.

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Tickets to musical performances at Bet Gev will be free of entertainment tax, according to information gazetted on April 15 over the name of Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, the Minister of Finance, and published on April 24.

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The population Registration Office has moved from Migdal Rassabin to Beersheba, according to information gazetted on March 31 over the name of Mr. Moshe Shapiro, Minister of the Interior and published on April 24.

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The Master of the Turkish vessel, the "Kaptan Oglu," Mr. Asman Shikman, was fined IL.50 in the Magistrate Court here yesterday for stealing two cubic metres of wood on Thursday. He had failed to unload the wood which was part of the ship's cargo.

SAFAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the men who fell in the liberation of Safad four years ago was held in the town on Friday. The service was attended by bereaved parents, the Mayor, Army and Haganah representatives.

Machinery Gives Women Jobs

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Modern machinery enabled women to replace men in orange packing, Mr. Yitzhak Rokach, managing Director of the Pardess-Syndicate citrus fruit cooperative, said on Thursday at a demonstration of a modern packing house at the railway station here.

Inexperienced women workers were able to pack 50 to 60 cases daily with the new equipment, according to the manager of the packing house, Mr. M. Gothelf.

SANITATION WORKERS MAY DEMONSTRATE

About 50 workers, who were employed temporarily on cleaning up backyards of private homes in Jerusalem, are expected to return to the Municipality offices today to continue their demonstration against their dismissal last week.

Representatives of the local Labour Exchange have been meeting with Acting Mayor E. Eliashar in an effort to work out some arrangement for their continued employment. Most of the funds needed to pay the workers came from the householders whose yards and streets were cleaned as part of the city's cleanliness programme. The city now claims that it lacks the funds necessary to supplement the fees paid by the householders.

MISSING GIRL FOUND IN ORANGE GROVE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A three-year old girl who disappeared yesterday was found in a Petah Tikva orange grove at four o'clock this afternoon after an all-night, all-day search by hundreds of Tel Aviv district police aided by Air Force planes.

The girl, Ruth Aslan, walked out of her home in the Petah Tikva *ma'abara* yesterday afternoon. Police were immediately notified and since the border is near, alerted the whole district.

ALERT WATCHMAN SAVES YOUTH

An alert watchman at the Jerusalem railway station succeeded in preventing the death of a youth, who lay on the tracks, on Friday.

The watchman signalled the approaching train which stopped with a screech of brakes, only several metres from the reclining youth who got up and ran away. (*ITIM*)

CHILD EATS POISONED BISCUITS IN SHOP

NAHARIYA, Saturday. — Yaish Hassan ben Moshe, 4, of the Government Housing quarter here, died in the Government Hospital on Thursday afternoon, after he had eaten impregnated rat poison biscuits.

Yaish went shopping with his mother at the grocers, and when no one was watching him, found the biscuits in a box.

Ration News

JERUSALEM — Bananas: Aleph cards, 1 kilo; Bet, Gimel, Dalet, Heh cards, 250 grams. Yod 39, temporary. 47. Cards 5, 9. Eggs: 3, Zayin 39, temporary. 10. Frozen fish: 250 grams, Mem 9, temporary. 41.

TEL AVIV — Eggs: 3, Zayin 29, cards 5, 6, 7. Sausage for physical labourers: 250 grams, coupon 50, 400 grams. Rations for ill persons: Butter: 100 gram, Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 5, Het Gimel 17. Eggs: 3, Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 5, 6, Het Gimel 17. Rice: 500 grams, Het Aleph 1, Het Bet 5, Het Gimel 17.

Hadera Festoons Itself For Triple Celebration

HADERA, Saturday. — Last-minute preparations were being completed here yesterday and today for the triple celebration which is to start here tomorrow and last throughout the week — the observance of Hadera's 60th anniversary; its "promotion" to the rank of municipality; and the opening of the Alliance Tyre Factory in the new industrial zone here.

A festive atmosphere pervaded the town today, as thousands of residents strolled through the streets to see the final decorations being put in place. Welcoming archways have been erected over the main roads and national flags brighten the shop windows and the facades of buildings. Large signs proclaim: "Hadera— 60 Years Old," and the whole township is green with eucalyptus branches, recalling the swampy wastes on which the town was founded.

In the Alliance factory building, the dedication of which will open the celebrations tomorrow afternoon, workmen were yesterday preparing for Prime Minister David Ben Gurion to cast the first tyre tomorrow afternoon, in the presence of hundreds of townsfolk and invited guests from all parts of the country. Other labourers were busy sweeping the roadway and laying out strands of greenery, while building workers continued mixing the cement for the floor and hoisting the steel roof structures.

Among those who are to be present at the dedication ceremony are members of the "Alliance Caravan," a group of U.S. businessmen led by representatives of the Dayton Rubber Company, who together with Solel Boneh have invested funds in the new enterprise.

Birthday Celebration

Tomorrow evening, a giant birthday celebration has been arranged on the grounds of the high school which will be attended by the Prime Minister. On Monday morning, children's celebrations will be held in all schools and kindergartens, and a festive meeting is planned during the afternoon at the new "Gan Yehoshua," named after the late Yehoshua Hankin, who was responsible for the purchase of the lands on which Hadera was founded. On Monday evening, a festive meeting of the Local Council will be held, attended by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. M. Shapiro, who will make the official proclamation of Hadera's municipal status.

A special "Hadera Stamp" will be issued by the Post Office to mark the occasion and first-day covers with a special franking will be on sale here. The Jewish National Fund has also issued a special commemorative stamp for Hadera's 60th birthday.

(See Leader, page 4)

845 Houses Built By Progressives

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — During the past two years, 845 houses have been built under the auspices of the Progressive Party and another 188 are to be completed within the next three months, Mr. Zvi Herman told a meeting of the Party's directorate here last week. Mr. Herman, who is in charge of the Party's Constructive Enterprises Department, reported that plans were now being prepared for the establishment of a contracting company and a printing press.

Reporting on his visit to Scandinavian countries, the Party president, Dr. P. Rosen, said that it was incorrect to say that the influence of Israel had declined lately. He thought that without Israel there was no content in Jewish life abroad.

The meeting decided to call a session of the Progressive Party's Executive Committee to discuss the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem.

APPOINTMENT OF BRITON DEFENDED

The "delicate security situation" in Jordan makes imperative the appointment of a British colonel as head of the Criminal Investigation Department, the Minister of Justice said in Parliament on Thursday, according to "A-Diffa," the Old City daily. The Minister was defending the high salary set aside in the new budget for this post.

The British officer, who arrived on Thursday, is to organize and supervise the CID for two years, when it is hoped that a high-ranking Arab officer in the Legion will succeed him, the paper said:

TOUKAN TO KUWEIT

Ahmed Bey Toukan, senior Jordan member of the Mixed Armistice Commission, will leave shortly to take up his new post as Minister of Education at Kuwelt, it has been reported by "Falastin." A successor to Toukan, who had been Jordan Minister of Education, has not been named yet.

SENTENCED. — A Prague state court sentenced one man to death, six to life and one to 25 years imprisonment in a trial of eight former Czech Agricultural Party members, Radio Prague said yesterday.

3,000 Expected At Ramat Gan Party

RAMAT GAN, Saturday. — Some 3,000 guests are expected to attend the Independence Day garden party arranged by the Soldiers Welfare Committee and the Ramat Gan Municipality in Gan Meiech David here on Tuesday evening. The celebrations are due to open officially at 8.30 with the arrival of the Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Yigael Yadin, and senior Army officers, and will continue until the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The gardens have been especially decorated for the occasion by Mr. Yosef Blass, and the arrangements include orchestras, sideshows, lotteries and dancing. Some of the prizes in the lotteries have been donated and brought from the U.S. by Mr. Fred Mencsson, president of the committee, and include a free 30-day trip to the U.S., electric washing machines, radios and gramophones. Special taxis will run between Tel Aviv and the garden all night.

4 Moscow Conference Delegates Back

HAIFA, Saturday. — Four of the five-man Israel delegation who left a month ago for the International Economic Conference in Moscow returned in the s.s. Sulina from Constanza this morning. The delegates left Israel in the s.s. Transilvania, but were unable to return in her as her Haifa run has been cancelled temporarily and is not due to be resumed before May 5, the men said.

The Secretary of the Greek Orthodox Mission in Jerusalem, Mr. Vassili Meroahin, and his wife, also arrived in the ship.

The returning delegates are Messrs. S. Rosen, P. Dori, S. Cohen and S. Hassid. The fifth delegate, Mr. Jamal Mussa, is to return in a few days.

The Israel delegation contacted Soviet trade groups to discuss the exchange of wood and agricultural machinery for citrus food and textiles. The barter of citrus fruit and pharmaceutical products for onions, potatoes and seeds was also discussed with Bulgarian and Polish representatives.

The four delegates received $100 for travelling expenses from the Israel Treasury, they said, and were given 750 rubles, about $190 each, by the conference's organizing committee.

Israel Citrus

In Moscow, only Israel citrus fruit was to be seen, which was more popular than the Mexican fruit, they said. Each orange cost 4½ rubles, about $1. There were between 400,000-500,000 Jews living in Moscow, but no Yiddish newspapers appeared. The visitors went to a synagogue service on Passover attended by about 600 persons. The delegates were free to go wherever they wished, but were accompanied by guides. They thought that there was plenty of food and sufficient clothing available in Moscow.

The delegates told reporters that the conference had not been held for "propaganda purposes" as had been alleged, and that contracts for over £10m. had been signed by various delegations.

Four Arab Fishermen Remanded for 14 Days

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The four Arab fishermen who were caught by the Israel border police last Thursday for violating Israel territorial waters off Migdal Ascalon were remanded in custody for 14 days by the Magistrate here yesterday. Their two boats are now being held in Jaffa Port.

Commenting on the incident, police had said that over a hundred fishermen were detained in the same area last year. They came from Gaza in small boats, a great number of which could be seen on any day circling around the border area. They are manned by Arabs who subsist on the five piastres they get for a kilogram of their fish. Hence, their frequent violations of Israel's territorial waters.

When caught, the fishermen are usually remanded in custody and their boats seized. In most cases, after the Mixed Armistice Commission is duly notified, they are released together with their boats.

IL.1,200 FINE FOR FALSE INVENTORY

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A fine of IL.1,200, or three months in prison, was imposed on Yisrael Pinsker, of 22 Rehov Rambam, here, by the Anti-Profiteering Tribunal on Thursday for submitting an incomplete and incorrect inventory of stocks in his workshop.

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Wave of Desertions Hits Merchant Navy

HAIFA, Saturday. — A wave of desertions has hit the Israel merchant navy. Thirty sailors have jumped their ships, mainly in the U.S., in the last few weeks.

Twelve deserted the s.s. Tel Aviv. The s.s. Haifa now on her way back here, has reported one man missing in a cable to the Shoham company and several sailors reportedly deserted the s.s. Yaffo also en route home. Four men have deserted the s.s. Henrietta Szold, of the Dizengoff company, which is due back here on Tuesday. Only four men had previously jumped the company's ships in its two years of seafaring.

It is learned here that the desertions follow general dissatisfaction with conditions in the merchant navy since the seamen's strike.

In the U.S., experienced sailors reportedly are being offered what are considered excellent terms to sail on other ships, especially to Korean waters, with large dollar bonuses being paid. Several men have also jumped Shoham ships in Europe.

Several foreign ships calling here have also asked for seamen and stewards, but Israel sailors are not permitted to sail in foreign vessels.

H.U.-Hadassah Anatomy Classes Start

The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School formally inaugurated its new Department of Anatomy in the presence of a large number of teachers and students last Thursday.

The Dean of the School, Professor Arye Dostrovsky, who presided, explained that exceptional prominence was being given to the inauguration of the courses in anatomy not only because it is a basic subject in the study of medicine, but also because its inclusion in the curriculum is a vital matter for the School itself.

The many difficulties inherent in giving anatomy courses in Israel had been surmounted only thanks to the help extended by the Ministries of Health and Justice and by the Anatomy Law.

The opening lecture was given by Dr. M. Izkovitz, Lecturer in Anatomy, who described the history and development of that science through the ages.

Observatory Planned For Jerusalem

The first public astronomical observatory in Israel is to be opened soon in Jerusalem by the Association of Amateur Astronomers, Dr. D. V. Zaitchek, one of the Association's founders, said in Jerusalem on Friday.

The observatory is to be equipped with a Zeiss refractor telescope brought to Israel by an immigrant who died 12 years ago. The instrument, which had been in storage all this time, was discovered only recently. Amateur astronomers in the U.S. are building a reflector telescope for the observatory.

A permanent observatory, to be located in the future University Centre in Jerusalem, is to be built with the financial help of the University, the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality.

Dr. Zaitchek and Dr. I. Olsvanger, of the Association, are to lecture on "Interplanetary Travel" at Terra Sancta college in Jerusalem at 8.15 this evening.

George Pal's Technicolour film, "Destination Moon," will be shown on May 1 and 7 at Terra Sancta with the proceeds to go towards the observatory fund.

Syrian War Materiel Held in Haifa

Telephone equipment for the Syrian War Ministry was found last week in the Swedish ship, "Brita," an Army spokesman announced on Friday. The material was confiscated by the Haifa Port Police and placed under Army supervision.

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JESUIT BECOMES A COMMUNIST

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — Father Alighiero Tondi, associate staff member at Rome's Catholic Gregorian University, has become a Communist, high Jesuit quarters said yesterday.

He is quoted in a pro-Communist newspaper to have said that this was "indeed a question of conversion, a journey toward the light, whose motives have been elaborated in long years of hesitation."

Tondi, originally an architect, underwent a spiritual crisis in 1936 when he became a Jesuit.

1 Killed, 8 Injured In Road Accidents

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An old man was killed and four children severely injured in road accidents here yesterday.

Mordecai Rabikov, 75, was hit by a car driven by Israel Altman in Rehov Sheinkin and died an hour later in Hadassah Hospital.

Nili Pikola, and Ziva Shamir, both 6, who were playing near their home in Rehov Hasbofrim, were hit by a truck driven by Yitzhak Levi, of Yad Eliahu. Nili's skull was fractured. Yosef Ben Artzi, 5, was struck by a private car driven by Walter Gutman, near 88 King George Avenue, and Haim Ya'acov, 6, was hit, in Rehov Haknesset, by a car driven by Fishel Beil, from Ramat Gan. All four children were taken to Hadassah Hospital.

All the drivers involved in these accidents were detained and later released on bail.

Four persons were severely injured in a car which overturned near Rehovot today.

IL.10,000 Damages For Accident Injury

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A bicyclist who lost his leg as a result of a collision with a car was awarded IL. 10,000 damages by the Tel Aviv District Court last Thursday. The court held that the respondent "had fabricated evidence" having tampered with their car after the accident.

The claimant, David Merli, 27, a new immigrant from Morocco, was hit in April 1950 by a private car driven by Paltiel Aminov and owned by Benyamin Marzajof. The latter claimed that they did not know that the car was out of order, but the Defence convinced the court that the vehicle had been tampered with.

Mr. S. Rozin and Mr. Z. Klemantinovski, acted for Merli and Mr. Y. Kahana for the respondents.

Mrs. Mikunis Sues Transport Company

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A suit for IL. 17,477 in damages was filed with the District Court here last week by Mrs. Slava Mikunis, wife of the Secretary of the Israel Communist Party, against the Hakav transport cooperative and its driver, Eli Meir, of Kibbutz Ga'aton.

Mrs. Mikunis claims that she sustained injuries about the head and spine in March 1950, when a private car in which she was travelling along the Tel Aviv-Haifa road collided with a stationary truck of the respondents. She reportedly claims IL.1,500 which she spent on doctors' fees in Rumania.

The hearing will take place on May 26.

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Special Powers For Pakistan Gov't

KARACHI, Saturday (Reuter). — The Pakistan assembly yesterday passed a security bill empowering the government to detain, deport, or control movements of any person whose continued presence is considered inimical to the country's military or diplomatic security.

The government can also control newspapers in "the national interest."

Valid for three years, the act replaces a public safety ordinance.

Sakkara Digging May Yield Major Find

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Remnants of a step-pyramid discovered during digging at Sakkara near the famous step pyramid of Zoser may be one of the most important archaeological finds in recent years, Dr. Zakaria Doneim, Chief Inspector of Antiquities at Sakkara, said here today.

Sakkara, 15 miles south of Cairo, contains the vast burial ground of the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis.

The newly discovered pyramid is likely to be the tomb of Sanakht, successor to Zoser, whose step-pyramid is the world oldest known structure in dressed stone. Dr. Doneim said.

Search for Two Osiris Temples in Cyrenaica

MANCHESTER, Saturday (Reuter). — Manchester University is to send an archaeological expedition to Cyrenaica in July and August of this year to investigate Jewish and Egyptian remains there.

The party will be led by Mr. Alan Rose, special lecturer in Near Eastern archaeology. He will be accompanied by the Reverend Dr. John Gray, lecturer in the Semitic Department of the University and Mr. Derek Buttle, of the Department of Architecture.

They will make their H.Q. near the Great Temple of Apollo at Cyrene, ancient capital of Cyrenaica. They hope to find two temples of Osiris, the existence of which was indicated by Egyptian statues of the early Ptolemic era found there by the Italians during the war.

STRIKE. — 12,000 workers on three Anaconda Copper Mining Company properties in Chile are on strike for more pay and benefits.

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Malik Repeats Anti-U.S. Charge

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday. (Reuter). — Soviet Delegate Jacob Malik asserted in the Disarmament Commission's Working Committee yesterday that mass destruction by atomic weapons and such means as bacteriological warfare was a fundamental doctrine of U.S. military policy.

Mr. Benjamin Cohen, U.S., quoted Marshal Stalin and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyshinski to show that the U.S.S.R. was developing atomic weapons which they said were for defensive purposes. He said they were doubtless also developing chemical warfare. But when the U.S. did the same thing it was accused of aggressive intentions.

The commission was discussing a U.S. proposal for progressive disclosure and verification of armaments.

BRITISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ACCUSED

MOSCOW, Saturday. (Reuter).—According to the review of a book "In the Name of Peace" in the Moscow "New Times", the staff of the British Embassy here "looked for and fabricated everything that helped to make Anglo-Soviet relations worse."

The author, Archibald Johnston, who was one-time editor of a British Russian-language official publication in Moscow (during World War II), and who renounced his British citizenship in 1948, describes how "that complicated mechanism of a policy which consists in systematic cheating and poisoning the minds of the peoples" was developed in London.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN NABLUS

Rapidly increasing unemployment in Nablus is causing thousands of the town's young men to seek work elsewhere, it was reported by "A-Diffa" on Friday.

Although prices continue to drop, the purchasing power of consumers is dwindling at an even faster rate. Food prices have fallen considerably with beef selling at 50-55 mils for 250 grams, "samneh" (local butter) one dinar, 700 mils a rottel (2.5 kg.) and cheese at 600 mils a rottel, the paper said.

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Cables in Brief

STRIKERS. — Postmen people were injured when police in Uttar Pradesh, India, opened fire on Friday on striking workers when an attempt to interrupt their march towards the railway shunting yard was met with a shower of brickbats.

RELEASE. — Japanese prisons on Monday will release some 10,000 prisoners under an amnesty programme on the end of the occupation, it was announced yesterday.

DIED. — Professor H.A. Kramers, Chairman in 1946 of the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission, died in Leyden. He was 57.

AGREEMENT. — Spanish Foreign Minister Martin Artajo and Egypt's Foreign Minister Abdel Khalek Hassuna Pasha signed a Spanish-Egyptian cultural treaty in Cairo yesterday.

DEATH. — Two members of an Albanian spying organization were sentenced to death and others sentenced to imprisonment at Skoplje for murdering Yugoslav Partisans during the war, according to the official Yugoslav News Agency.

ULTIMATUM. — The Sudan Workers Federation sent a 48-hour ultimatum to the Government yesterday threatening an indefinite strike from tomorrow unless its leaders are unconditionally released from prison. They were jailed last Wednesday.

YEMENITE. — Seid el Islam Metahar, brother of Imam Ahmed of Yemen, died yesterday from heart trouble.

TOTAL. — French forces have killed 4,100 Vietminh rebels and captured 1,070 including 29 officers in Indo-China since March 10, General Raoul Salan, Commander in Chief of French Union forces in Indo-China, said yesterday.

ARRESTED. — Five former reporters of "Borba" the official organ of the Yugoslav Communist Party, will face trial in Belgrade next month for "pro-Cominform activities," the semi official information "Yugopress" said yesterday.

TRADE. — Seven British businessmen, now in Peking, yesterday sent a cable to Moscow saying that the Chinese were willing to negotiate a trade agreement with Britain at Government level.

Canadian Bomber Crashes, Kills Four

SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Saturday (Reuter). — Four members of the Royal Canadian Air Force were killed when a four engine Lancaster Bomber crashed and burst into flames when coming in for a landing at the air force base here yesterday.

Of the eight other occupants, five were seriously injured and three suffered minor injuries.

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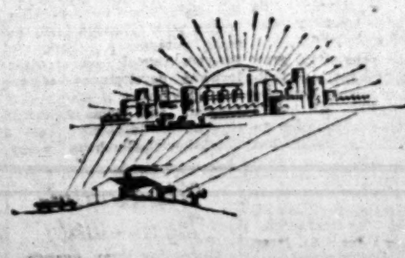
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FROM PLANTATION COLONY TO INDUSTRIAL TOWN

Hadera Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

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THE quick growth of Hadera from a plantation "colony" to a fair-sized town has been accomplished mostly during the past 17 of its 61 years (the celebration of its sixtieth birthday this week being a little more than a year late). Today its picturesque orange groves and shady eucalyptus woods vie with an industrial development of young lusty vigour. Maintaining a population of 25,000, Hadera is a township with single jurisdiction over an area of 45,000 dunams, stretching over several kilometres in length and breadth, with a hundred streets and lanes.

This is an impressive advance since 1936 when it became a Local Council governing a domain of 2,500 dunams. The rapid urbanization is evident from the figure of 7,000 rooms, which are by no means sufficient for the expanding populace which is 100 per cent employed. Another yard-stick indicative of cultural as well as physical growth is the number of schoolchildren — 3,000, compared with about one-tenth that number in 1932. Economic progress is indicated by the substantial budget of IL.670,000.

SAMARIA'S CAPITAL

THE saga of Hadera, turned 61, has been sung in books, in verse, and in drama. Ashman's "Zot Haaretz" is based on its story, as dramatic and thrilling as any Hollywood conceived. Ask anyone familiar with Hadera what the name connotes, and he will ruminatingly answer "Swamps... Eucalyptus... Death..." Those were the elements which governed its first half-century.

In the winter of 1890-1 the stretch of 30,000 dunams was purchased close to Ceasarea, in the heart of Samaria. It was the first Jewish estate in that region, and the farmers of pleasant Rehovot, from whence came some of Hadera's founders, chided them on moving so far away from the "Yishuv." But to the founder-fathers of Hadera it was a case of love at first sight, a love that never failed. For the land was beautifully green even at summer's end, through it flowed a river, and there was a cove which would become a harbour! When knowing natives pointed out the cause of the lush ground — the stagnant waters, whence mosquitoes had decimated the inhabitants — for miles around, they scorned the warning. They would grow, and plant and build; their faith was greater than the fear.

These men and women, many with large families, fought not only the swamp. The Ottoman laws obstructed them and they saw their homes pulled down for lack of permits to build. They fought marauders and neighbouring beduin who were incensed when a hedge was grown to protect a plantation against their goats. They fought sickness and death. There were defections, but Hadera was never given up. Eventually the long pull brought its reward. The land was fertile, the crops abundant. Hadera's butter became famous. They even abetted "illegal" immigration. Aron Aronson, discoverer of wild wheat, started his agricultural experimental station there. During the first world war Hadera sent grain to Judea, a strange reversal of the roles Rehovot had foreseen.

The dream of the founders of a "mother" settlement came true. Sattelite Yemenite quarters arose — one is named for Justice Brandeis, and one for Harry Friedenwald. To the north of the beach is Hefziba. Hadera fostered other "children." The first "kernel" of Ein Hashofet camped in its vicinity, and the farmers employed the members on "outside work." In due course the traffic of Tel Aviv and Haifa, between which lies Hadera, and the needs of the growing community augmented its plantations by industry and crafts as well as building.

The labour population grew and became an important factor. The village today achieves Municipal status. It boasts 25,000 souls and is as much an urban as rural centre. It has a free trade school. Its synagogue and Town Hall are impressive. It is a key city, overlooking its offshot, Gan Shmuel, and serving as administrative centre for a large district. Its new factory, the Alliance Tyre Plant being dedicated today, points in a new direction — towards industrial development.

Only a few now living there can recall the early days of Hadera. Its history is that of sturdy individuals whose sole bond was a common belief in Jewry's revival on the soil of ancient Israel — the story of faith moving mountains.

New Asset

Hadera promoted, and was promoted by, communications. Once the main highway from Tel Aviv to Haifa was built it brought the erstwhile rural village into prominence and gave it accessibility. Its leaders were quick to take advantage of their new asset. Today they look forward to still greater heights — a city of 50,000. This, of course, means more industry, and indeed, the new industrial zone to the north is already fully occupied, far ahead of schedule. Besides the workshops catering to local and regional needs, there are big enterprises for national and possibly export channels. A paper factory will be set up, a project associated with the Palestine Economic Corporation. Today's celebration will be high-lighted by the advanced opening of the new Alliance Tire and Rubber Company factory, also an American investment, allied to Israel concerns (Solel Boneh and Noa Ltd.).

In the first year it will produce 100,000 tyres and 180,000 inner tubes. Half of the $3m. capital represents 600 Americans. Patterned after the Dayton Rubber Company, the factory will save many dollars. Sixty per cent of production is expected to be sold abroad. Several hundred men are already engaged on these two works alone. Also in prospect is a sawmill to be established by Messrs. Mann and Berman.

The blueprint for the future is based on developing local resources, on services, communications, abundance of water, thick woods, and sandy beaches. Southwards to Caesaria and eastwards to the Jordan frontier, Hadera expects to reach out to wider horizons.

Agricultural Base

It is not proposed to let agriculture suffer, both in order to maintain a healthy balance between rural and urban productivity, and in view of the positive values of the citrus and mixed farming which for so long was the base of Hadera's economy. The cutting up of plantations for more building lots is frowned upon and restricted. An ex-servicemen's housing scheme for 1,200 units provides for a small farm for each home. Both private and co-operative concerns are cultivating thousands of dunams and sending the produce far and near.

The agricultural sector contains 10,000 dunams of grain, 6,000 of plantations (400,000 cases of oranges), 3,000 dunams of vegetables (with a preserving factory engaging 250 hands) while 2,000 dunams of woods yield timber for farm purposes. About 200 tons of fish are raised in 1,200 dunams of ponds, 250 dunams produce 300 tons of bananas, and livestock includes 300 cows and 100,000 fowl. To ensure the continuation of this valued element, only land unfit for crops will be turned over to building or industry.

One change regretted is the absence of the nuclei of Kibbutzim groups. Up and down Israel are such settlements which remember fondly and gratefully the experience they gained on plantations in the Samarian village. Once a permanent feature of Hadera, the last of these "garin" groups has left for its own land.

Ambitious Programme

An ambitious programme of public works is on the agenda. In 1951 there were six borings which produced 1,900 cu.m. of water per hour. A reservoir is now being constructed to contain 4,000 cu.m., and 21 km. of main pipes have been laid down. 28,000 cu.m. of roadway were built last year and the sidewalks will now be added, made from asphalt because of shortage of cement. Two fine highways lead into the town now, and will be bordered by a green strip. The new coastal road is expected to be continued from Nathanya to Hadera this year reducing the distance to Tel Aviv. Lighting improvements, and new gardens covering 28 dunams, as well as a sewage project are down for early execution.

A series of housing quarters promoted by such companies as "Amidar," "Mishkenot," and the Government, are to spring up around the town. A building in memory of those who fell in the War of Independence will include a hall for 600 auditors, a city library, recreation room, war museum, and a stone-surfaced open space for functions. The Central Synagogue has been embellished and there are plans for a new Bus Station, and Red Magen David and Fire Brigade Quarters. This year the regional Hospital will also be built by the Histadrut Sick Fund and the local authorities in the district.

For education the sum of IL.142,200 and for social welfare the sum of IL.49,960 have been budgeted.

Thus, approaching its three score and ten years, Hadera in the next decade may well expect to prove true the old Hebrew motto — that its later years were not unworthy of its early ones.

THEY REFUSED TO GO

There were fifty souls in 1891. They came from various parts of Palestine and from abroad. Societies in Vilna, Kovno, Pinsk, and Riga participated in the buying of the land, negotiated by Joshua Hankin and approved by Aaron Eisenberg. The original pioneers were not all young. The leaders were largely of middle-age, and even greybeards joined enthusiastically. In those days before the Zionist Organization was created when Tiomkin was head of the Hovevei Zion Office in Jaffa, there was brisk immigration from Europe. The newcomers were Messianic minded, but they wished to bring on the redemption themselves, to re-establish Jewish life on the soil, the life with which they were familiar only from religious lore and prayer. This was the source of the stubbornness which cost them so dear.

The first winter was spent in high spirits buying stock and equipment and preparing the ground, but when summer came there began that visitation of sickness and death which for years marked their history. Ten souls perished when malaria first spread. They were told to abandon the treacherous area and refused. The same dread toll followed the next summer and the next. They were promised help—the swamps would be drained by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, eucalyptus would be planted—if only they would evacuate the village in the meantime. Three times they agreed, and each time broke their word,—the very dead in the cemetery refused to let them go.

— E.M.E.

LORD HENDERSON RECALLS SHAMEFUL MARTYRDOM

Britain's Interest in Israel's Claims

LONDON—

THE British Government's positive interest in the Hague reparations talks was expressed by Lord Reading on behalf of the Government in the House of Lords on April 9.

Lord Reading, who is Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was replying to a statement made by Lord Henderson on behalf of the Opposition, in which he asked for information on the Conference which was then sitting at The Hague "on the question of indemnification by the German Government for the damage done to the Jews under the Hitler regime."

Lord Henderson went on: "We are seven years from the end of the war, and there is a tendency to forget the shameful martyrdom of the Jews in Germany and in German-occupied territories. Over 6,000,000 of them were done to death and their property confiscated. But it is unnecessary for me to go into the details of this chapter of evil doings — noble Lords are well aware of them. I think we should agree that these crimes called for repudiation by democratic Germany and for such moral and material indemnification as lay in its power. Repudiation has been made and the duty to make restitution accepted in a statement submitted to the Federal Parliament by Dr. Adenauer and approved by it last September.

Vast Expenditure

"Since the State of Israel came into existence several hundred thousand Jewish refugees have been taken in from Europe and given the opportunity to build a new life. That has involved Israel in vast expenditure, estimated at 1,000,000,000 dollars. There are also claims by world Jewish organizations amounting to half that sum in respect of heirless property and other restitution. In proposing a conference on the basis of Israel's claim, the Federal Chancellor stated in December that:

> The Federal Government regard the problem of indemnification in the first place as a moral obligation, and consider it the honourable duty of the German people to do everything possible to redress the wrongs committed against the Jewish people.

"He added that the Federal Government would:

> welcome the opportunity of contributing towards the building up of the State of Israel by delivery of goods.

"We cannot but welcome and applaud these declarations and give full credit to the spirit and sense of justice which prompted them.

"So far, I believe, these discussions on Jewish claims have been kept quite separate from the London discussions on German external debts. That seems to me right and proper, because by no stretch of the imagination can the Jewish claims be regarded as belonging to the category of external debts. Their nature and history are altogether different. I hope, therefore, that it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to keep them separate, and that both they and their two Allies will continue to give their sympathy and encouragement to the efforts to arrive at a satisfactory agreement through the Hague Conference. It is regrettable that there has been what appears to be a breakdown in the discussions, and I sincerely hope that it may prove to be only temporary. It is important that the Conference should succeed. I believe that if it can reach agreement this Conference may make a real contribution towards assuaging the bitter memories of the Jewish people, and the gradual development of a spirit of reconciliation between the peoples of these two countries. That is my hope, and I believe it will be the hope of all noble Lords."

Genuine Step

In his reply, Lord Reading stated that the British Government be informed of the Hague discussions, "the object of which is to determine the question of payment by Germany to Israel in pursuance of the declaration made to the Bundestag by Dr. Adenauer on September 27 last," the concluding passage of which he quoted as follows:—

> The Federal Government is prepared, in conjunction with representatives of Jewry and of the State of Israel — which has admitted so many homeless Jewish refugees — to bring about a solution of the financial aspects of the restitution problem in order thus to pave the way towards clearing a psychological atmosphere, hindered by untold suffering. The Federal Government is deeply imbued with the intention that the spirit of nine humanity must evolve anew and bear fruit. The Federal Government considers it the foremost duty of the German people to foster this spirit with all its power.

After stating that any such payment would, it is understood, be based on the "calculated cost of re-settlement in Israel of Jews driven out of Europe by the Nazis," Lord Reading went on:—

"It would, however, obviously not be in the nature of an ordinary commercial indebtedness, but rather in the nature of some measure of reparation, of moral even more than material value, for the enormities committed during the Hitler regime. Her Majesty's Government welcome the fact that this meeting is taking place, and recognize Dr. Adenauer's initiative in the matter as a genuine step towards restoring Germany's reputation in the eyes of the world. We await the outcome with much interest, and although the Press reports have appeared which indicate a hitch in the discussions, we still greatly hope for a satisfactory settlement."

Readers' Letters

PROGRAMMES WANTED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I am writing to enquire if any of your readers could assist me with my hobby of collecting from all parts of the world programmes of sporting, theatrical, and historic events. Up to the present time I have collected 2500 from 40 different countries, printed in 25 languages. It is my aim later in the year to have an exhibition for charity and I want to have every possible country represented.

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MUSICAL DIARY

THE 8th I.P.O. Subscription Concert, conducted by William Steinberg, at the Edison on Thursday was a fine one. The unconventional programme — rich in contrasts — opened with Mozart's Symphony No. 34 in C major (K. 338). The pulsating performance was full of dramatic accents.

Paul Hindemith's Symphony "Mathis der Maler" is a great piece of music. The contrapuntal element is masterly developed in the two cornermovements. It is full of restrained passion, highly expressive, grandiose in partition of the orchestra-groups. The performance was magnificent.

Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony comes from quite another sphere. It is romantic, nostalgic, full of melody, with a strong affinity to Tchaikovsky. Mr. Steinberg drew from the orchestra an absorbing interpretation, rich in colour. This was a night to remember.

Kol Yisrael Guest

THE Kol Yisrael orchestra under the guest-conductor Heinz Freudenthal opened its Tuesday night concert with a dynamic performance of W.F. Bach's Overture in D minor.

Marc Lavry's new piano concerto, which was played for the first time in Jerusalem, begins with a theme from the same composer's "Song of Songs." During the straightforward development of the first movement it shows new Russian and some American rhythmical influences of a Shostakovich-Gershwin sort. The middle movement is songful again and after a ragtime-intermezzo develops into a kind of Hassidic Niggun. The finale, after returning to the "Song of Songs," seems least convincing. The soloist, Frank Pelleg, played his virtuoso part con bravura.

The performance of Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony, which closed the programme, was accurate though not too animate.

Gaspard de la Nuit

RAVEL'S Gaspard de la Nuit for solo piano, (1908), was broadcast on Monday night by Avigdor Reis. The gifted young pianist brought great technical subtlety to his performance of this imaginative music. In "Ondine the *arpeggios* recalled glittering cascades; "Le Gibet" had the melancholy of things past, (about this piece Gil-Marchex remarked that it required no less than twenty-seven different methods of touch!); while "Scarbo" was the gay and dazzling climax.

FRANGO

Haifa Orchestra

THE Haifa Orchestra scored another success with its appearance in its 5th subscription concert at the Orah Cinema on Wednesday. Besides Karel Salomon's Fantasy on a theme by Sara Levy "Ali B'eir," the programme was entirely classical. Salomone Rossi's Dance Suite was refreshing and pleasantly played. Mr. Nikolajewski's performance of Boccherini's Cello Concerto in B flat major, a graceful work, was fluent but not rich enough in sound and shading. In Mozart's Symphony in G minor No 40 Mr. George Singer was again the central figure. His conducting is instructive for the orchestra as well as for the listener.

G.W.B.

U.J.A. Aid to Israel Has Reached $280m.

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — The United Jewish Appeal has allocated nearly $280m. for Israel's development since the State was born, according to Edward Warburg, Chairman of UJA. He also announced that the forthcoming programme of the Appeal would include the financing of a hundred new agricultural settlements, 20,000 more housing units, 20,000 small farms and 40 immigrant work villages.

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